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SUBJECT: SWAZI REACTION TO ARAB/OAU OIL BOYCOTT

1. MINISTER STATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATSEBULA REPRESENTED SWAZILAND AT EXTRAORDINARY AOU SUMMIT MEETING. HE HAS SAID OAU DECISION PUSH EMBARGO ON OIL FOR MOZAMBIQUE AND RSA TAKEN WITH FULL AWARENESS POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON BLS COUNTRIES.

2. PRIME MINISTER STATED GOS MINISTER COMMERCE AND REPRESENTATIVES BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO MET RSA OFFICIALS AT REQUEST LATTER NOVEMBER 28 IN PRETORIA TO DISCUSS OIL SUPPLY PROBLEM. RSA OFFICIALS HINTED BROADLY THAT BLS STATES SHOULD PUT PRESSURE ON OAU AND ARABS FOR RECONSIDERATION. PM SAID SWAZIS WOULD NOTRPT NOT DO THIS SINCE THEY HAD FOUGHT AND LOST AT ADDIS ABABA.

3. SWAZIS NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPTING SEEK ANY KIND EXEMPTION FROM ARABS BUT ARE ACTIVELY EXPLORING WAYS OF ALLEVIATING
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FORTHCOMING SHORTAGE. THEY HAVE TENTATIVELY DECIDED OVERLAND

SUPPLY OF GASOLINE AND OIL FROM NORTH NOT FEASIBLE. THEY NOW INVESTIGATING (A) PURCHASE OF SMALL TANKER, (B) CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE FACILITIES SWAZILAND AND (C) PORTUGUESE ATTITUDES TOWARD SWAZI USE MOZAMBIQUE PORT AND TRANSIT FACILITIES FOR DELIVERY PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO SWAZILAND.

4. IN CONNECTION PARA 3 (C), MINISTER INDUSTRY, MINES AND TOURISM SISHAYI NXUMALO APPEARED AT CODEL DIGGS HOTEL MORNING OF CODEL'S DEPARTURE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER "AS SENIOR NATIO MEMBER" U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO PRESSURE PORTUGAL NOT RPT NOT TO INTERFERE WITH TRANSIT THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE OF ANY PETROL WHICH SWAZILAND MIGHT BE ABLE OBTAIN.
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